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#### . Competitions and Championships

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- a) Competitions and championships are to play a definite role in the training of the KVP.
- b) On 1 June, 1955, the Chief Administration for Political Education issued an order requiring all active officers, including divisional staff officers, to participate in cadre competitions and officers' championships. According to this order the participation in these competitions and officers' championships is to be regarded as "voluntary".
- c) The competitions are being held among all officers regardless of rank.

  They will take place in stages from the lowest to the highest rank.
- 2. These competitions are designed to achieve the following results:
  - a) Build up the officers' corps as a cadre and backbone of the East German Armed Forces.
  - b) Strengthen their operational and striking power.
  - c) Provide an example and incentive to all troops.

## 3. Program

a) Competitions and championships are designed to test the standard of:

Political knowledge

Political teaching

Theoretical knowledge of Military Techniques

Military Training

Leadership

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b) Officers who distinguish themselves in these competitions and championships will be awarded a special badge of honor.

# 4. Participation of Soviet Army Officers

- a) When suitable conditions exist and provided that the standard of performance permits, regimental commanders can notify divisions of their wish to compete against Soviet Army Officers.
- b) Approval will only be given when it is considered that the standard of performance of the various contesting groups within the division is sufficiently high to compete with that pertaining in the Soviet Army.

## 5. FDJ Holiday Camps

- a) In the same order, KVP units have been instructed to make the necessary preparations for giving active support to the FDJ holiday camps.
- b) Each unit is to become the sponsor of an FDJ Holiday Camp. Selected KVP personnel will be withdrawn from individual units and will be given the responsibility of running the camps.
- c) The officer commanding these holiday camps is to ensure that contact is established between his FDJ holiday camp and the Soviet Army.
- d) General Major Dollw zel has stated that these holiday camps must serve as a propaganda organ of the KVP as well as a school for preparing the youth for the defence of the country.
- e) Officers charged with the organization of these camps are Colonel Stein and Lieutenant Colonel Busse.
- g) Responsibility for the execution of the above mentioned order of 1 June has been delegated to the Deputy Commander for Political Education in Units and Schools.

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